

*Dedication Program*

*for*

WISCONSIN INTERSTATE ROUTE 94

*in*

KENOSHA AND RACINE COUNTIES

DECEMBER 3, 1959



INTERSTATE  
FORWARD HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FORWARD  
IN PROGRESS

TO GIVE YOU A BETTER ROAD

DRIVE WITH CARE

# *Greetings from Governor Nelson*

The dedication of this functional and beautiful segment of Wisconsin's Interstate Highway System here today clearly illustrates how cooperation between the people of the various units of government can bring about civic progress.

Officials at the state level found county, township and city and village officials genuinely eager to lend their valuable efforts in planning and building this efficient and safe section of highway.

As Governor of Wisconsin I am pleased to note that this cooperation, combined with the foresight and high standards of the citizens of this area, has resulted in providing Wisconsin motorists as well as visitors with the best transportation facility available.

It is a pleasure for me to be with you today to take part in dedicating this important 24 miles of Wisconsin's Modern Highway System.



## *A Message from the State Highway Commission*

All classes and systems of Wisconsin's nearly 100,000 miles of highways are of primary importance in the movement of people and goods.

Today we are dedicating the largest single segment of four-lane highway to be completed at one time in the history of Racine and Kenosha counties. This 24 miles of modern road will mean much to the citizens of this area and to the entire state for it will improve every phase of our standard of living. This new facility will make travel in this important region much safer, more convenient, and pleasant for passenger cars and commercial vehicles.

While we devote our attention today to dedicating this modern and impressive freeway to the motorists who will use it let us keep in mind that it is but one of many road systems in this area and that it is our policy in Wisconsin to maintain ALL of our highways to the highest possible standards.

We appreciate the cooperation of the citizens of Wisconsin in developing projects such as this and we are pleased to join with you today in observing this historic event.

HAROLD L. PLUMMER, Chairman

HARVEY GRASSE, Vice Chairman

G. H. BAKKE, Secretary



# *The National System Of Interstate And Defense Highways . . .*

Total mileage of Interstate Highway 94 between the south Milwaukee County line and Illinois state line is 23.7 miles . . . before the early 1930s, USH 41 was a single 18-foot pavement . . . in the early 1930s US 41 was dual-laned from Milwaukee south and completed to the Illinois state line in 1936 . . . During the late 1940s and early 1950s, various portions of the two lanes were resurfaced . . . present average daily traffic count at the Milwaukee County line, 14,350 . . . at the Racine-Kenosha County line, 12,770 . . . at the Illinois state line, 12,540.

Interstate Highway 94 is built on the location of the old US 41 . . . service roads were constructed on each side of Interstate Highway 94 for almost the entire length between Milwaukee County line and the Illinois state line . . . one lane or the other of old US 41 was resurfaced and utilized wherever possible as a service road . . . there are 13 interchanges plus 7 other road separations . . . The cost breakdown of the 23.7 miles of Interstate Highway 94: Engineering \$600,000, Right of Way \$3,600,000, Construction \$15,800,000 . . . approximately \$1,000,000 per mile.

5,700,000 cubic yards of earth have been moved . . . 700,000 square yards equals 197.00 cubic yards of 10-inch reinforced concrete pavement on Interstate Highway 94 roadways . . . 196,000 tons of bituminous concrete pavement were used for the surfacing of the shoulders, service roads and interchange ramps . . . 1,500,000 tons of gravel were used for a base course 8 inches thick . . . 1,300,000 tons of sand-gravel were used for subbase course of variable thickness 9 to 12 inches and 8 inches thick on the new service roads.

A total of 39 bridges utilized 19,500 cubic yards of concrete, 3,000,000 pounds of bar steel reinforcing, and 411 prestressed girders . . . 22½ miles of various size culvert pipe were placed under the Interstate Highway 94 roadways, service roads and interchange ramps to provide for drainage.

235 new parcels of property were acquired, amounting to approximately 900 acres . . . the total right-of-way width averages about 450 feet . . . this includes the old US 41 right-of-way width, which averaged approximately 150 feet . . . the total 450 feet width would be equal to approximately 55 acres per mile . . . Interstate Route 94 runs from a point 6 miles north of Detroit, bypasses Chicago, enters Wisconsin south of Kenosha, will run north to Milwaukee, west to Madison, northwest to Hudson and then west to Billings, Montana, where it ends.



## *Program*

To Be Held in Kenosha County on Route 94

Just North of the Wisconsin - Illinois Line

December 3, 1959

H. L. Plummer, Chairman, State Highway Commission, Presiding

Harvey Grasse, Vice Chairman, State Highway Commission, Master of Ceremonies

1:30 P. M.—Selections by the band.

2:00 P. M.—The Invocation

Introduction of Guests by Mr. Grasse

Introduction of Wisconsin's Governor Gaylord Nelson

Introduction of Illinois Governor William G. Stratton

Governors Nelson and Stratton move down to cut ribbon

Photos of ribbon cutting

## THE CONTRACTORS

Jos. D. Bonness, Inc., Wauwatosa, Wis.

R-W Construction Co., Milwaukee, Wis., and  
Badger State Construction Co.

Kranp Construction Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

Badger Construction Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

Dave Speaker Co., Kenosha, Wis.

H. Turner & Son, Boscobel, Wis.

C. C. Linck, Beaver Dam, Wis.

J. R. Griffith Company, Racine, Wis.

Edward Kraemer & Sons, Plain, Wis.

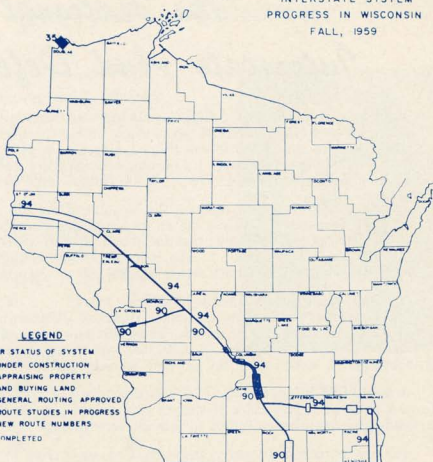
F. F. Mengel Company, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific RR Co., Chicago

Chain-Linck Fence Corp, Chicago, Ill.

Bay Construction Co., Inc. Madison, Wis.

INTERSTATE SYSTEM  
PROGRESS IN WISCONSIN  
FALL, 1959



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